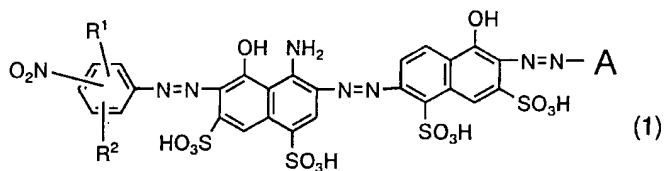


## Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

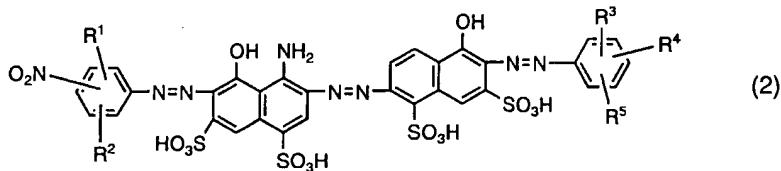
### Listing of claims

[1] (Currently amended) A trisazo compound represented by Formula (1) as shown below or a salt thereof;



(wherein, each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a cyano group; a carboxyl group; a sulfo group; a sulfamoyl group; an N-alkylaminosulfonyl group; an N-phenylaminosulfonyl group; a phosphoric acid group; a nitro group; an acyl group; a ureide group; a (C1 to C4) alkyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group; a ~~hydroxy group~~; a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group; a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group, a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group, a sulfo group or a carboxyl group; or an acylamino group; A represents a phenyl group or a naphthyl group (wherein, these phenyl group and naphthyl group may be substituted with a halogen atom; a cyano group; a carboxyl group; a sulfo group; a sulfamoyl group which may be substituted with an alkyl group or a phenyl group; a phosphoric acid group; a nitro group; an acyl group; a ureide group; a (C1 to C4) alkyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group; a ~~hydroxy group~~; a ~~(C1 to C4) alkoxy group~~; a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group, a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group, a sulfo group or a carboxyl group; or an acylamino group-)).

[2] (Original) The trisazo compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein Formula (1) is represented by Formula (2) as shown below;

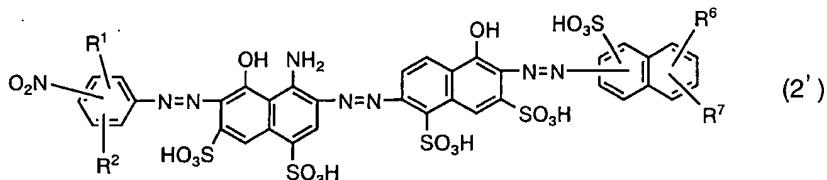


(wherein, R<sup>1</sup> represents a carboxyl group, a sulfo group, or a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group, R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a sulfo group, R<sup>3</sup> represents a carboxyl group, a sulfo group, or a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group, R<sup>4</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, a carboxyl group, a sulfo group, a nitro group, a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group, a sulfamoyl group or an N-(C1 to C4) alkyl amino sulfonyl group, and R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a carboxyl group or a sulfo group, respectively.)

[3] (Original) The trisazo compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 2, wherein in Formula (2), R<sup>1</sup> is bonded at the 2-position of an azo group, a nitro group is bonded at the 4-position, R<sup>5</sup> is bonded at the 5-position, R<sup>3</sup> is bonded at the 2-position of an azo group, R<sup>4</sup> is bonded at the 4-position and R<sup>5</sup> is bonded at the 5- or 6-position.

[4] (Original) The trisazo compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 3, wherein in Formula (2), R<sup>3</sup> is a carboxyl group or a sulfo group, R<sup>4</sup> is a carboxyl group, a sulfo group, a sulfamoyl group, an N-(C1 to C4) alkylaminosulfonyl group, a nitro group or a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group, R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group, R<sup>3</sup> is bonded at the 2-position of an azo group, R<sup>4</sup> is bonded at the 4-position and R<sup>5</sup> is bonded at the 5-position.

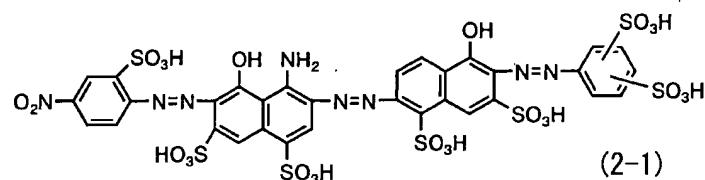
[5] (Original) The trisazo compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein Formula (1) is represented by Formula (2') as shown bellow;



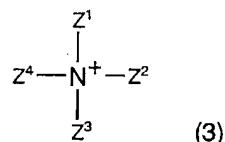
(wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a carboxyl group or a sulfo group, R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, R<sup>6</sup> represents a sulfo group or a nitro group, and R<sup>7</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a sulfo group, respectively.)

[6] (Original) The trisazo compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 5, wherein in Formula (2'), R<sup>1</sup> is bonded at the 2-position of an azo group, a nitro group on a phenyl group is bonded at the 4-position, for a naphthyl group substituted with R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup>, an azo group is bonded at the 1- or 2-position of a naphthyl group, R<sup>6</sup> is bonded at the 5- or 6- position, and R<sup>7</sup> is bonded at the 7- or 8-position.

[7] (Original) The trisazo compound represented by Formula (2-1) as shown bellow or a salt thereof;



[8] (Currently amended) The salt of the trisazo compound according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to or 7, wherein the salt is a lithium salt, a sodium salt, a potassium salt, an ammonium salt, or an ammonium salt represented by a general Formula (3);



(wherein, each of Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup>, Z<sup>3</sup>, and Z<sup>4</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group or a hydroxyalkoxyalkyl group.)

[9] (Currently amended) An ink composition characterized by comprising at least one of the trisazo compound or the salt thereof according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 8 or 7.

[10] (Original) An ink-jet printer equipped with a container containing the ink composition according to Claim 9.

[11] (Original) A recording method of ink-jet printing using the ink composition according to Claim 9.

[12] (Original) A recording method of ink-jet printing, wherein a record-receiving material for a method of ink-jet printing according to Claim 11 is an information transmission sheet.

[13] (Original) The recording method of ink-jet printing according to Claim 12, characterized by an information transmission sheet which comprises a porous white inorganic matter.

[14] (Currently amended) A colored object colored by the trisazo compound or the salt thereof according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 8 or 7.

[15] (New) An ink composition characterized by comprising at least one of the trisazo compound or the salt thereof according to claim 8.

[16] (New) A colored object colored by the trisazo compound or the salt thereof according to claim 8.